

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 4:08 P.M.

An addendum was posted on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 1:43 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Cue	Present	Decter Wright	Absent
Patrick	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Fowler	Present
Miller	Present		

Present: 8
Absent: 1

Councilor Decter Wright arrived at 4:53 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, schedules, and events. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

There was no update.

4. Discussion, consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a proposed amendment to Council Rules and Order of Business, Rule VII, "Officers", to amend rules related to serving as Chair or Vice Chair while being an announced candidate for public elective office. (Patrick) [CC 9/13/23] 23-773-1

Councilor Patrick spoke. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Lakin moved to strike Paragraph 1 in Council Rules and Order of Business, Rule VII, "Officers", Section D., "Replacement of and Representation by Chair and Vice-Chair". Councilor Miller seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Absent

Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		
Yeas: 8	Nays: 0	Absent: 1	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Lawson Vaughn, Senior Assistant City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Madelyn Sweger, Tulsa Police Detective Kurth Sires, Tulsa Police Officer Don Holloway, Tulsa Police Officer Thomas Shockley, and Tulsa Police Officer Samantha Ramsey for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Madelyn Sweger et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma., as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Items 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14 were read and voted on together.

- 5. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Madelyn Sweger for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Madelyn Sweger et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 9/13/23] 23-768-1
- 7. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Detective Kurth Sires for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Kurth Sires et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 9/13/23] 23-769-1
- 9. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Officer Don Holloway for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Don Holloway et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 9/13/23] 23-770-1
- 11. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Thomas Shockley for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Thomas Shockley et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 9/13/23] 23-771-1
- 14. **ADDENDUM:** Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Samantha Ramsey for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Samantha Ramsey et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. (Late request by submitting department) [CC 9/13/23] 23-774-1

Councilor Bengel moved to enter Executive Session on items 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14.
Councilor Lakin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Absent

Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		
Yeas: 8	Nays: 0	Absent: 1	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:48 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. City Attorney Jack Blair, Lawson Vaughn, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Lawson Vaughn, Senior Assistant City Attorney, addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

Items 6, 8, 10, 12, and 15 were read and voted on together.

- Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Madelyn Sweger for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio Melendez v. Madelyn Sweger et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 9/13/23] 23-768-2
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Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:54 P.M.

Councilor Lakin moved to approve the request of Tulsa Police Officer Madelyn Sweger, Tulsa Police Detective Kurth Sires, Tulsa Police Officer Don Holloway, Tulsa Police Officer Thomas Shockley, and Tulsa Police Officer Samantha Ramsey for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 23-CV-352, Robert and Rita Gates and Julio

Melendez v. Madelyn Sweger et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bengel seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

13. Adjournment.

Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

Crista Patrick, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council